

GOVERNORS SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO BOXING CONVENTION

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE TO FORM NATIONAL BODY TO CONTROL RING SPORT

Delegation Includes Boxing Leaders in States From Maine to Oregon and All Are Enthusiastic Over Three-Day Session Here to Put Pugilism Under Single Governing Head—International Sporting Club Starts Movement Which Promises to Be Country-Wide.

By Vincent Treanor.

WHEN Governors of sixteen States, some of them as far west as Montana, Minnesota and Oregon and as far south as Louisiana, send representatives all the way to New York to attend a convention on boxing, then the good old ring sport must be considered as one of national interest at least. These sixteen men, or it should be seventeen, Ohio having sent two, are in town for three days, during which they hope to organize the business of boxing on a country-wide control basis and make a report of their efforts to their individual executives. No President could send a Senatorial or a Congressional committee on a more dignified mission, judging by the seriousness with which these men from widely scattered places got together in a ways and means capacity. As Senator James J. Walker, who as toastmaster at the Waldorf luncheon starting the day's proceedings, said, it was really a wonderful assemblage considering the purpose. He hoped that the next convention would bring together representatives of the entire forty-eight States.

Senator Walker, father of New York's boxing law, trained to the interests for the oratorical stakes, summed up the sport of boxing in the course of his speech as a business where your opponent is always in front of you, where the lights are always lit and where the men are disqualified for hitting below the belt. He wished the same were true in other lines of business, and the Senator made it plain that he didn't mean legislatively either. Jimmy wasn't half through his original speech when the visitors were sitting up straight in their chairs wondering at his easy flow of language. As Robert J. Seiberlick, Minnesota's representative, who sat on our left, remarked: "See, that young fellow can talk." He didn't know that Senator Walker has been fighting Democracy's battles in Albany for more than eleven years and an individual has to be some talker to do that.

WALKER introduced the representatives alphabetically by States and hinted that they in speechmaking was feasible. The first introduction brought William Kramer of Arkansas, and not Arkansas, as he carefully explained to his feet. Mr. Kramer started off like a Patrick Murphy, but in his sincerity to extol boxing lost all idea of time. He said he was Athletic Director of Arkansas College, that boxing wasn't yet legalized in his State for the very good reason that everybody in Arkansas was against boxing but himself. He promised a glowing report of his mission to his Governor, landed his State as the best in the Union and retired sorry that he couldn't talk some more on his favorite subject.

Other speakers followed, with the keynote of their remarks being support and co-operation in anything and everything leading to national control of boxing. Robert Anderson, truly representative of Kentucky in more ways than one, told of how the sport, though only in an experimental stage, was growing in popularity, and hoped that some day his State would be in a position to compete with others where the gloves sport was fostered now on a broader scale. Col. C. Hawkins of Connecticut was heard. Frank De Rice, from Maine, which he called the sticks; William Roca of Pennsylvania; L. H. Light of Colorado; O. Dewitt Fisher of Toledo and the better known Mr. Hinkley of Cleveland; Herbert R. Dean of Rhode Island; P. J. Mulgrew of Ontario, Canada; Robert J. Seiberlick of Minnesota; and others. In the course of his remarks, praised the character and gentleness of the Gibbons boys, Mike and Tom, as examples of what the up-to-date boxer should be.

A. TREMBLAY of Montana, a veteran sportsman, who looked as if he had stepped from a frame containing old-time notables of the days of Paddy Ryan and John L., also spoke vigorously. He told of the many attempts to put boxing on the statute books of his home State; how the measure was twice beaten in the Legislature, once lost by a popular vote of 14,000, then passed by the Legislature and vetoed by the Governor because of a previous popular vote result, only to finally pass by a majority of 15,000 of the people, signed and sealed. The sport, he said, was in a thriving condition in Montana, and he came East at the direction of his Governor to learn all he could about how it is conducted here for the ultimate benefit of Montanans. He welcomed the idea of a national controlling body.

Latrobe Cogswell of Baltimore came North as Maryland's representative. According to Mr. Cogswell, Maryland's boxing interests are at present limited to Baltimore, but he hoped the next legislative session would provide means by which boxing would be legalized throughout the entire State. A. B. Hurst, a late comer from Oregon, said he had been in the sport for years back out West. "Did you win?" asked Commissioner Joe.

"No, as I remember, I didn't," answered Mr. Hurst. "Then," said Johnson, "you're all right," Mr. Hurst looked it. Senator J. Burke of Louisiana, of New Orleans, made his first speech at

SOME OF PROMINENT BOXING DELEGATES - By Thornton Fisher

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Taking of Movie Pictures Harms Boxers' Best Form

Unexpected Presence of Cameras at Dempsey-Brennan Bout May Explain Champion's Failure to Score Quick Knockout.

MANY thousands of dollars changed hands on the Dempsey-Brennan boxing bout, recently held in Madison Square Garden, and a third-rate heavyweight thumper was boosted into Grade A of the pugilists' fraternity all because— "It was a moving picture fight!" Now, the fact that moving pictures are taken of a boxing bout is not, in itself, a suggestion that the event is "arranged" or that it may be a "set up," but there is always present the possibility that the scrap will not be a genuine test of the ability of both men. The pictures, to be of any value for presentation before the public, must necessarily be long enough to fill in a period of time that will retain the interest of the patrons of the movie houses. Therefore, a quick knockout—that is, one that comes with a bang in any round under ten or twelve, is not considered a drawing film. Wise boxing lovers know this and are skilled in backing their favorites accordingly. They will not wager that their choice will topple over the other fellow inside of five or six or seven rounds because they would stand to lose if they did.

Now, this happened to apply peculiarly to the Dempsey-Brennan engagement. The fact that motion pictures were to be made of that go and that Tex Rickard, the promoter of the bout, was to display them, was— NOT MADE PUBLIC!

Not one better of the thousands in the Garden that night had an inkling of this arrangement. Only when the patron got into the Garden did he realize it, and then because he saw the great battery of motion picture "studios" lights swinging over the ring instead of the usual cluster of shaded electric lamps. Many was the groan that was voiced because the caliber and record of the two men made it a popular opinion that the bout would be a fair fight. But Dempsey would send Brennan back on a shudder to his dressing room in a few ripping, smashing rounds, as he had so many others. So the wondering that was done was based on the length of the go—that is, on how long Brennan would last. There was nothing laid on the final result of the affair. So when the mix-up began there was a somewhat indifferent audience and as the men hustled in the center of the ring there were comments of "Gee, has Jack gone back?" or "Has Brennan had something?" Round ended—nobody hurt.

In the second round, in fine retelling of speed and adroit, took a few jobs from Bill and the crowd—the easy crowd—yelled with delight, some because they felt they had been stung, many not so wise, because they thought Bill really was working well. Give that round to Bill. It won't hurt. In the third Jack gave Bill a wallop on the head that looked for a second like a good one. But Brennan, who was in the second game of a series, the contest will be staged at the Union Settlement Athletic Club courts, 221 East 104th Street. The Union Big Five defeated the St. Vincent Ferrer team in a recent contest by 54 to 24. Next Saturday night the winners meet the St. George Big Five in the second game of a series. The contest will be staged at the Union Settlement Athletic Club courts, 221 East 104th Street. West End Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, would like to arrange games

Minors to Join Majors To-Day At Joint Session

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Committees chosen by the two major baseball leagues to draw up a new national agreement yesterday officially voted their approval of the agreement formulated in New York recently which provided for reorganization of the game with Federal Judge Kenesaw M. Landis as Baseball Commissioner. The action of the committee put at rest rumors that the American League was not satisfied with the agreement and that consequently a new fight might break out between the major organizations. The agreement will be acted on formally by the two leagues probably to-day, but this action is looked upon by baseball men as a mere formality, the National League already having signed the agreement and Kenesaw M. Landis, President of the American League, having officially announced the agreement to his constituents. The agreement must be approved by the club owners in his circuit. Prospects of the minor leagues joining the majors appeared bright last night, although no action on the agreement was taken at their meeting yesterday. The Minor League Drafting Committee will meet with the two major league committees to-day, when it is believed that all differences of opinion concerning the rules under which the game should be played will be settled. The National Association of Minor Leagues at its meeting yesterday adopted amendments to its constitution, including one designed to stamp out gambling and game throwing and another creating a Board of Control to supervise the post-season inter-league games.

With the Basketball Players

Aur Lady of Sorrows, quietest, champions of Long Island, will defend its title against the Long Island Big Five, which is evening at the Parkland Hall, Corona. The champions will line up with Kennedy, Halloran, Conroy, Kelly and O'Hara. The Seneca Five, a fast 120 pound team, defeated the Mitchell Post 145, A. L., in a fast game by 21 to 21. The winners have open dates. Address: Louis White, 202 West 63rd Street, City.

The Triangles, averaging 130 pounds would like to arrange games with teams of like strength. Address: M. Wolf, 178 West 82d Street, City.

St. Anselm's Five, composed of Macperry, Gory, McLaughlin, Ahern and the Nichols brothers, have several open dates. V. R. Nichols, 34 West 104th Street, City, is looking manager.

The Hopony Five, who have played the winning 140 pound team in Greater New York have several open dates. Address: David L. Eisner, 163 East 104th Street.

The Hurons Basketball team practically clinched the 110 pound championship of the East side by defeating the strong institutional Five. The score was 27-16. "Babe" Hecht and "Speed" Korb featured for the winners. The Hurons have open dates. Address: Samuel Wagner, 125 Eldridge Street.

The Wyandots A. C., a 35 pound aggregation of net workers made its winning record read ten straight by coming out on the long end of the score in the last contest. The five is composed of captain Maxie Tiesch, Wesley, Miller, Schneiderman and Goldstein. For games address Max Tiesch, 467 East 104th Street.

LIVE WIRES

By Neal R. O'Hara.

Copyright, 1921, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York Evening World.) New Yorkers may pay \$15 a quart for alcoholic blindness, they may give 60 cents a dozen for subway straps and they may force head waiters to walk lapelized from Liberty Bonds in their pockets, but London is still the sucker metropolis and the sap headquarters of the world. For London pays money to see Jim Beckett fight.

Jeems is a good lad as fellows go, but as a fighter he snores too much. Nights when Jimmy defends his crown he is never troubled with insomnia. He takes punishment like a cream puff in a Soviet riot. It is solely an account of Jeems they are recommending a bigger navy to make England safe for the English.

Bill Brennan stayed twelve rounds with Dempsey and the fans claimed the fight was fixed for the movies. No such suspicion has ever smirched Beckett's record. Jim has never stalled to pad out a feature film—he hits the canvas on schedule time and nary a cry of fake! In consequence he ranks next to Annette Kellermann as a movie diver and two jumps ahead of Charley Chaplin as a knockout comedian.

Only an iron constitution with concrete amendments could take all the pummeling Jeems has can. Carr thudded him before Jim had finished acknowledging his reception. Moran stopped him so quick it looked like Jim was equipped with alibikes. No guy ever got writer's cramp typing the blow-by-blow story of a Beckett fight. And no cable company ever got rich forwarding the account.

Yet Britain loves every square inch of Beckett's head. They love it not for what it's done, but for what it has withstood. If King and Lloyd George ever lose the solid Rock of Gibraltar they've still got Jim Beckett's dome left.

Fistic News BY JOHN POLLOCK and Gossip

Judging by the advance sale of tickets for the big boxing show at Madison Square Garden on Friday night, at which Benny Leonard and Mitchell Mitchell of Milwaukee will meet in a fifteen-round bout for the world's lightweight championship title, it looks like a sure thing that the gross receipts will surely go over \$125,000.

The auction sale of tickets in Wall Street and at the Waldorf-Astoria last week netted over \$13,000. With the first day's sale at the Garden has brought up the total to over \$25,000.

Bill Brennan, the Chicago heavyweight, has been signed by his manager, Leo Flynn, for two fights. His first will be with Bill Walker of Kansas, 64-70 on record at Kansas City, on Jan. 21, and his second with Ethel Walker of Kansas City for ten rounds at the same place on Jan. 25. Brennan is training at O'Connell's gym.

Another promising New England fighter will make his first appearance in a bout in this city tonight. He is Jimmy Frazee, the lightweight champion of his State. Frazee got a decision over Jimmy Valer recently and the pair will clash again at the Madison Square Garden next week in a return battle for the New England title. Frazee is training at O'Connell's gym.

William Jackson will meet Mel O'Connell at the Olympic A. A. at Philadelphia on next Monday night because O'Connell's manager has declined his fight. Jackson's right arm is badly swollen as a result of his bout with Paddy Mitchell, and he will not last again until he meets Joe Tierney at the Olympic A. A. of Milwaukee for ten rounds on Jan. 17.

Johnny Murray, the fast little Maine French flyweight, has been matched by his manager, Frank Hagley, to meet Billy Murphy of Boston Island for ten rounds at the Madison Square Garden on Saturday evening, Jan. 22.

Biddle Wallace, the veteran lightweight of Brooklyn, and Harvey Bright, the Irish school boy, have been signed up by John Wolcott to clash in the main bout of fifteen rounds at the next big show of the Midway Gross Sporting Club of Brooklyn on Saturday night. In the semi-final of ten rounds Jack Hansen will meet Joe Daniels of Hildesheim.

Manager Charles Dwyer has booked Billie Kidd to meet Joe Woods of Greenwich, Conn., in a ten-round bout to a decision at the Madison Square Garden on next Saturday night, and Eddie Hendy vs. Paddy Sullivan for ten rounds. At the same club to stage, Bern Brando, meet Willie Korb for fifteen rounds.

Willie Gortler is another of the new fighters who has been signed to the gross show. He has a record of 10-0-1 and is a native of New York City.

CREAM OF SCHOOL SKATING TALENT—FACE WESTERNERS

Best Team Possible to Represent New York for Evening World Trophy.

Throughout the Public Schools Greater New York both elementary and high, a thorough combing is in progress to-day by the P. S. A. officials in an endeavor to recruit strong squad of skaters to oppose Chicago schoolboys in the inter-meet with New York next month. This Evening World trophy.

All schoolboys possessing skating ability have been instructed to report to their respective physical directors for further details.

Within the next few weeks elimination races will be run off in different indoor rinks, from which team will be chosen to oppose Windy City boys, Feb. 3, at the C. N. Y. stadium.

After the P. S. A. officials have picked the team from the seven hundred youngsters who will act for the right to represent little of the survivors will be trained by staff of the most experienced inter-collegiate coaches in the country, together with a few professional skaters. It is assumed that the team representing New York will not lack proper coaching for the races on the ice next month.

In the mean while word comes from Chicago that Julian Fitzgerald, Chairman of Mayor Thompson's ice skating committee, who transmitted the challenge to Mayor Hylan of New York, for the reason that the Chicago team is rounding into shape for the dual meet on the flooded playgrounds that has been utilized skating rinks during the winter. They are likely to be coached by prominent skaters of the Midwest.

Considerable enthusiasm is played in the forthcoming clash between the school boys of the two cities due to the fact that it will be the first schoolboy skating races between the two cities ever attempted.



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- \$35.
- 956 were \$75.00.
- 351 were \$80.00.
- 719 were \$85.00.
- 719 were \$90.00.
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Johnnie Dunn Easily Wins. TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 11.—Johnnie Dunn of Jersey City easily outpointed Billie Murray of Philadelphia in a fast ten-round fight.